

**Interview Summary**

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| Application No.<br><b>09/412,763</b>  | Applicant(s)<br><b>P. Gerard</b> |
| Examiner<br><b>Gregory J. Strimbu</b> | Art Unit<br><b>3634</b>          |

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Gregory J. Strimbu (PTO)(3) Chuck Burpee(2) Craig Phillips

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Date of Interview Jun 20, 2001Type: a) Telephonic      b) Video Conference  
c) Personal [copy is given to 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes    e) No. If yes, brief description:Claim(s) discussed: claim 1

Identification of prior art discussed:

HopperAgreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant suggested further defining the first and second connector means being monolithic with the respective first and second halves which appears to overcome the prior art of record. Applicant agreed to submit a response in accordance with Office practice and to include comments discussing how the first and second connector means and the first and second halves are one piece rather than separate components.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required